Miller & Rhoads.

Exhibition and sale of Evening Silks and Dress Goods under electric light from 5 to 7 P. M. every day this week-Eastern aisle Broad St. side.

### Christmas In the China and Bric-a-Brac Department.

What have you frequently said after walking through our Bric-a-Brac and China Store in the basement? "The most beautiful place

Exactly and you were so enraptured with the sight of beautiful pieces and sets of China, Bric-a-brac, Silverware, Cut Glass, Lamps, Clocks &c. at every turn you made that you've found it impossible to give any detailed account of the many exquisite creations in these different wares that met

That's just the position the writer was in when this advertisement was prepared. All we can tell Richmond people about these departments is what those of you who've been here have told your friends—"Go to Miller and

What's the use of trying to picture in a newspaper the delicate hand decoration on a piece of Haviland China, the exquisite curve of a beautiful Vase, the rich cutting of a Cut Glass Bowl, the quaint shapes and designs of brass Lamps or Clocks-all these things must be seen to appreciate their beauty.

We'll only venture to quote a few of prices on some of these

English China Dinner Sets \$12,50 to

French China Dinner Sets \$23.50 to \$38.00. Haviland Dinner Sets \$59.00. ice Cream Sets, Haviland China, 13

pieces, \$11.00 and \$13.89. French China Ice Cr am Sets, 13 pieces, \$6.00.

Fish Sets of French China, 15 pleces, \$10.00 and \$18.50.

Chop Sets Haviland China, 13 pleces

Beautiful Vases from 25c. up to \$16.50—the former being a prettily dec-orated affair about 5 to 7 inches high—the latter a magnificent spec-imen of the potter's art in imitation metal effect with raised clusters of

Lamps range in price from a special value in a glass article at \$1.00 up to a magnificent bronze lamps at \$17.50-These prices include the globes. Lots of intermediate prices—notably good values at \$4.00 and \$8.50

Gilt Clocks, \$4.50 to \$10.50 Jewelry Cases, 79c. to \$10.00.

Gold-plated Mirrors \$2.25 to \$10.50. Silverware from 69c to \$13.50. Full stock of Rogers "1847" goods in this department.

TO COLLECT A BILL

The Henrico County Court was in session but a short while yesterday and nothing beyond routine business was done.

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Judge Wickham is not expected at the courthouse to-day.

'Squire Lewis had one case before him yesterday morning. William Hicks, colored, was charged with carrying a concealed pistol and threatening the life of Garner, another colored man. 'Squire Lewis sited the testimony to these facts: that Garner owed Hicks some money and the latter went to the Garner house to collect it. Hot words were indulged in, and Hicks drew a pistol and a knife, licks admitted having the knife, but not the revolver. The sister of Garner sus-

the revolver. The sister of Garner sus-inined her brother's evidence to the sat-

isfaction of the magistrate. For theat-ening to assault Garner, Hicks was fined \$2.50 and costs; for carrying a concealed weapon, he was fined \$20 and costs; total, \$25.74.

Mr. Lynwood Mann, of Richmond, and Miss Maggie E. Lammey, of Henrico, ob-tained a license yesterday from the cierk of Henrico county to marry,

CIVIL DOCKET.

No More Cases to be Heard

After To-day for Two Weeks. Civil cases will not be heard in the Police Court after to-day, for the week, owing to the fact that civil court day falls upon Christmas and New Year's

Justice Crutchfield has decided to dis-pense with the hearings for two weeks,

Pay City Taxes.

Those who wish to pay their city taxes before the penalty goes on, can avoid the rush on the last days by calling on Collector Cumingham at once. There is always a big rush as the time draws to a close, and long waits are necessary because of the size of the crowds.

BRINGS LITTLE

N. Y. P. AND N. TUG

Considered Unlikely That Court

Will Confirm Sale-Oregon

Pine Sold.

The inclupicte tug which the Trigg

The inclimplete tug which the Trigg Company was building for the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railway Company at the time of passing into the hands of a receiver, was sold at public auction yesterday morning to Mr. W. J. Burlee, representing the Burlee Dry Dock Company, of Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y.

The successful bid was only \$3,500, and many think that the court will not confirm the sale. The tug is very far from being complete—in fact, is nearer the beginning than the finishing—but \$23,000 has been expended on it in work and material. The Trigg Company has \$13,500 (set of Oregon pine on hand for the completion of the tug. This was sold separately to Mr. W. H. Sands, of this city, representing the Morse Brothers, of Bath, Maine, one of the creditors of the Trigg Company, for \$33 a thousand, or \$480 for the whole.

The only other bidder on the property

days

#### NORMAL SCHOOL BILL IS PASSED

The House Adopts a Very Im-- portant Educational Measure.

The bill offered in the House by Mr. West, of Louiss, and passed by that body on yesterday, for the establishment of an additional State normal school for the training of white female teachers, is a most important document, especially to those interested in the subject of public education.

The bill provides for the establishment of a new normal school, with the industrial training feature, for the purpose named above, at some point north of the James River, to be hereafter determined. The school shall be under the management of a board of trustees, composed of nine members, to be named by the Governor, by and with the concent of the Senate. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is made a member of Orbital of the board, and that body is empowered in its discretion to correlate the new school with the Farmville Female Normal and to elect the president of the latter as president of both. The bill appropriates the sum of \$20,000 for establishing and continuing the school, and \$5,000 per year for expenses, etc. The bill provides for the establishment

In speaking for the bill, Mr. Whitehead, of Norfolk, submitted some very interesting statistics prepared by Mr. West, designed to show that the State is now spending more money for the education of colored than of white teachers. In discussing the proposition, Mr. Whitehead said:
"There are 6.571 teachers in the public

There are 6,871 teachers in the public

schools of the Commonwealth—5,200 wo-nien and 1.671 men.
"There are 404 State students in the University of Virginia, Virginia Military Institute and William and Mary, to which the State of Virginia votes \$110,000

There are in the Farmville Normal School 550 girls, which costs the State

School 559 girls, which costs the State 25,000 annually.

"There are four colleges in the State where the boy can go free. There is cally one where the white girl can go, the Farmville Normal, and this is over-

crowded.

'The negro girl can go to the State Colored Normal at Petersburg and the Hampton Institute. The colored girl has two colleges—the white girl only one."

#### FOR SAFE-KEEPING.

Charles Wilson Locked Up in the Richmond Jail.

the Richmond Jail.

Bheriff R. C. Apperson, Jr., came to Richmond in a buggy yesterday morning, bringing with him the negro, Charles Wilson, to be kept in the jail here for safe keeping. Wilson is charged with criminally assaulting Mrs. Ira Gardner, of New Kent county. He will be kept here until the day of the trial. Governor Montague has been asked for a change of venue and a speedy trial.

#### GOT THE LIMIT.

James Brown Sent to the Pen for Eighteen Years for Robbery. James Brown, a negro who has served several terms in the penitentiary, was given the limit yesterday in the Hustings Court, when he was sent over for eighteen years for robbing John Wyatt, a regro, at the point of a pistol. His accemplice, Ola Wood, a negro woman, was given eight years.

Wyatt was held up in the alley in rear of St. James' Church by three men and the woman. He identified Brown as the

pany, for \$3 a thousand, or \$485 for the whole.

The only other bidder on the property was Mr. John T. Hill, Iron and steel broker, of Baltimore.

The Valentine Auction Company conducted the sale, and the auctioneer did his best to stir up enthusiasm and rivarry between the bidders.

Mr. Burlee said that if the court confirmed the sale he would have the engines completed here, but would ship the remaining material to his own Yards for the completion of the boat.

Mr. Affred E. Cox. treasurer and general are of the Atlantic Works, East Boston, Misss, had the boiler put up, but it was not sold.

The contract price for the tug was \$85,50, and \$12,000 had been paid the Triss Company for work accomplished. WITHOUT MORPHINE OR OPIUM.

Father John's Medicine cures colds. Father John's Medicine cures colds, branchills, ashma, croup and whooping cough. Father John's Medicine is for sale by Owens & Minor Drug Co., 107 E. Main, St.; City Drug Store, 1444 E. Main St.; People's Drug Store, 350 Williamsburg Ave.; North Side Pharmacy, 901 N. Fifth St.; Pine Street Pharmacy, 234 S. Pine St; East Pharmacy, 201, Venable St. **SECURING** OF CHARTERS

A Movement to Amend the Present Dilatory and Cumbersome Plan.

WHAT LAWYERS THINK OF IT

Remarks of Mr. A. C. Braxton on the Subject in the Corporation Commission.

Among the bills yet to be considered by to amend section 3 of chapter 1 of an act concerning corporations, which became a aw May 21st, 1003. The purpose of the amendment is to simplify the method prescribed for the granting and amendment of charters of business or commer cial corporations, and to rid it of the rather cumbrous method now provided by the statute proposed to be amended.

The amendment is to section 3 of the act, and proposes to strike out the words used in reference to certificates of incorporation, "shall be presented in term time or. In vacation to the judge of the circuit court of the country, or to the circuit, corporation or chancery court of the circuit court of the country, or to the circuit, corporation or chancery court of the circuit court of the principal office of the corporation is to be located. Such judge shall thereupon certify whether, in his opinion, such certificate is signed and acknowledged in accordance with the requirements of this act, and if not, in what respects it is faulty," and the consequential provision "as soon as the certificate is so endorsed by the judge. Section 158 a of the Constitution says on this subject: "Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and to such requirements, rules and regulations as may be prescribed by law (i. c., by legislative enactment), the State Corporation Commission shall be the department of government through which shall be issued all charters and amendments or extensions thereof, for domestic corporations, and all ilcenses to do business in this State to foreign corporation, and through which shall be carried out all the provisions of this Constitution, and of the laws made in pursuance thereof, for the creation, visitation, supervision, regulation and control of corporations chartered by or doing business in this State."

PURPOSE TO SIMPLIFY.

That language is construed by some to confer upon the Corporation Commission, and exclusively thereupon, all power in relation to corporations of the class described. Its purpose and intent, it is contended, were to simplify as far as practicable, without detriment to the State's interests, the chartering of domestic corporations.

As cumulative evidence of the intent of the framers of the Constitution and the purpose sought to be accomplished in the creation of the Corporation Commission, the files of the Richmond Dispatch of Pebruary ith, 1902, comprising the statem

man who put the pistel against him and the woman as the one who went through his pockets. He was robbed of \$4.50 and some new wearing apparel. A report was immediately made to the Second Station, and Captain Tomilison and Officer Bradley went out on the case and in a short while had both the man and woman locked up. They also arrested two other negroes, but Wyatt could not identify them, and they were dismissed.

great department of the corporate situation, etc.

GRINDING OUT CHARTERS.

"We found that all the courts throughout the Commonwealth were grinding out charters day by day, without uniformity of action and without any regularity, with nobody keeping track of them. We found the Secretary of State charged with being the custodian of those charters. We found the Auditor charged with collecting reports from banks and insurance companies. We found the Board of Public Works charged with assessing the property of certain other kinds of corporations. We found the Railroad Comm sistements of the government were looking after the corporate interests in their various capacities. We thought the best and wiscent thing to do, without changing those functions at all, was simply to collect them together and put them under one department, charged with the exclusive duty of looking after opporate interests constructed especially with references.

one department, charged with the exclusive duty of looking after opriorate interests, constructed especially with reference to that thing, headed by men whose whole duty it was to consider the corporate situation as it existed, capable of advising the General Assembly, when they come here, through their annual reports, of what is wise and unwise in the dealing of the State with those corporations.

"So far as private corporations are concerned, we simply say that all functions of the State in creating, regulating, supervising and controlling these corporations, whether those functions whether those functions the state in creating, regulating, supervising and controlling these corporations, whether those functions the second of the state of the state of the controlling these corporations, whether those functions the controlling the second of the controlling these corporations are controlled, the second of the seco

vided the requirements of the law in such cases are compiled with. When that charter is issued it is filled at one place, \* \* \* All public documents and information with reference to corporations will then be found in one place, where you can go and to which you can write for all information that the public will have a right to get the convention of all information that the public will have a right to get the Corporation Commission in presenting the carefully constructed work to the content of the convention of

#### CHESTNUT HILL

AND HIGHLAND PARK

Mrs. Howit, of New York, is the guest of her nophew, Mr. John A. Tyler, of Chestant Hill.

Miss Florence Baker, who has been con-

Chestaut Hill.

Miss Florence Baker, who has been confined to her home by sickness, is now able to be out.

Mr. Moreer Christian has returned to Poplar Hill, after a visit to his aunt, Mrs.

C. G. Pendleton, of Essex county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tiller, who have resided for several years on Fifth Avenue, have moved into their new home, at No. 523 North Ninth Street.

There will be a Christmas sale and oyster supper given to-night at \$0 'clock at the 'manse' by the Earnest Workers' Society of Mizpah Presbyterian Church, for the benefit of the new Sunday school. The public is cozdially invited to attend.

Mr. John R. Livesay has returned home after an extended business trip.

Little Twyman Marshall, who has been quite sick at his father's residence on Fourth Avenue, is somewhat improved.

Mr. Horace F. Baker has returned to Chestnut Hill from Louisa.

Miss Bessie Marshall has had as her guest, Miss Pattic Christian, of Poplar Hill.

Little Miss Helen Wilder, who has been quite sick at her father's residence, is slowly improving.

slowly improving.
The Boys' Society of Highland Park

Methodist Church will hold a meeting this evening at 3 o'clock in the lecture room of the church. Mrs. Lillian Blunt, of Washington, is the guest of her parents, Mr, and Mrs. Wash Tiller.

Wash Tiller.
The contract has been let for a rice residence for Mr. Bruce, on Highland Little Arthur Tiller has been quite sick

Little Arthur Tiller has been quite sick at his grandfather's residence, but is now improving.

Rev. John McCharthy has returned from his bridal tour, rand was the guest of friends on the "Hill" this week.

Mr. William Moore, the contractor, is adding several rooms to his attractive residence on Fifth Avenue, Chestnut Hill,

#### FULTON NOTES.

The annual election of officers of Fulton Baptist Church for the coming year took place Wednesday night after the regular weekly service. The following officers

Deacons, Messrs. B. S. Rice, J. W. Tur

committees, the same members of each committee being re-elected,

Zionists to Hold Mass-Meeting. A big Zionists mass meeting will be held on Sunday, the 29th instant, at 3 P. M., in Hallinan's Hall, No, 1561 East Main Street, The general public is invited.

Addresses will be made by prominent speakers, Admission free,

#### Motion Filed.

In the Law and Equity Court a mo-tion for judgment was made in the suit of Kurash & Elsen against Semuel and Isane Weinberg for \$218.75. Suit was brought by the Strickland Machine Company against Noct and Stowe for \$100.

#### W. L. DOUGLAS \$3.50 SHOE WORTH

W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes have, by their excellent style, easy-fitting and superior wearing qualities, achieved the largest sales of any \$3.50 shoe in the world. Just as good as those that have been costing you from \$5.00 to \$7.00—the only difference is the price. If I could take you into my factory at Brockton, Mass., the largest in the world under one roof making men's line shoes, and show you the infinite care with which every pair of Douglas shoes is made, you would realize why W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes are the best shoes produced anywhere in the world. If I could show you the difference between the shoes made in my factory and those of other makes, you would understand why Douglas \$3.50 shoes cost more to make, why they hold their shape, if better, wear longer, and are of greater intrinsic value than any other \$3.50 shoe in the market to-day.

This is the reason W. L. Douglas makes and sells more men's Guedyenr Welt chand sweed process) \$3.50 shoes than any other sandlecturer in the world.

That Douglas uses Corona Colt proves there is value in Douglas \$8.50 shoes. That Douglas uses Corona Colt proves there is value in Douglas \$3.50 shoes, Corona is the highest grade patent leather made.



Shoes by mail, 25c, extra. Write for Catalog showing the latest Fall and Winter styles. W. L. DOUGLAS, Brockton, Mass. Faut Color Eyelets Used Exclusively.

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# SPECIAL SALE OF Men's Suits and Overcoats Taken from Our Regular Stock.

We are paying the penalty of success now. The preference for certain styles has sized wrecked innumerable Lots of Suits and Overcoats up to \$18.00. To duplicate is impossible, even were it expedient. To continue them in stock thus incomplete is contrary to our storekeeping policy. There is only one thing to do---CLOSE THEM OUT --- and only one way to do it --- SACRIFICE THEM!

That's precisely what we have arranged to do to-day and to-morrow.

You'll find tabled together some 300 or 400 Men's Suits and Overcoats. Suits Single and Double-Breasted Sacks, in Cheviots, Cassimere, Thibets and Worsteds, of exclusive and dressy designs.

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Suits that have been selling at \$13.50, \$15.00 \$0.75 Take your choice at = = = = =

#### The Overcoats

Consist of heavy and light weights, in short, medium and long Consist of heavy and light weights, in short, medium and long lengths. None sold for less than \$13.50. Most of them at \$0.75 \$15 and \$16.50, some at \$18, and

We offer you the choice at = ==

It so happens that the sizes missing in one lot remain in some other-warranting us in promising all sizes in the combined offering.

Owing to the limited quantity of these suits and overcoats we must decline sending them out on approval.

Sale Begins This Morning.

# Gans-Rady Company

Property Sold.

A Handsome Cane.

A reed cane, which has on top a white dog's head, and which is encircled by a gold band hearing the initials of the own-er is at the Second Station awaiting a claimant. It was found on Park Ave-

Fairmount Burglar.

The residents of Fairmount are worried about the appearance of a burglar at the home of Mr. G. W. Troxler. The would be burglar was in the home, but he was frightened off before he took anything.

Mr. Blakey Better. Mr. W. T. Blakey, the well known painter, who has been quite sick at his home, No. 2614 Venable Street, is improv-

NOTICE, FREE CONCERTS.

Our store will be open every evening intil 10 o'clock until Xmas Day,

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Chart Hillthin.

ing rapidly

Henrico Owners Are in Imminent Danger of Suffering From Non-Payment of Taxes.

QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS

Will be Before Circuit Court and Mr. Todd Will Have to Qualify Again.

of Henrico county are in linminent danger of awaking some fine morning in the very near future to a realization of the fact that the roof above their heads is no longer their own.

This danger confronts such of the citizens as have falled to pay the tax of 1900. Under the law dealing with delinquents the property upon which this tax has not been paid, has been sold to "land-grabbers" or has been taken in by the State. But the same law provides that the real owners may redeen this property within a certain time by meeting the tax bills. This time is fast expiring, and will be gone in about two or three weeks. Clerk Waddill is trying to warn the countrymen of the danger. The courts have decided that no further noticourts have declared that no turtue not-flection is necessary. The "land-grab-hers," who have already spoken for the property, will apply for deeds and will get them unless the owners pay up very shortly.

The days of the County Court are num-bered. Another session will be held in January and then the court will go out of existence. The Circuit Court will take hold, and will in future be the sole ad-ministrator of laws in the county.

It has just been discovered that the officers elected under the new Constitution will have to quality before the Circuit Court and not the County Court. A number of them appeared before the latter body, but wore informed of this fact. He walter J. Todd, the new treasurer of the County has already qualified before the Quality again. Judge wellford has fixed upon next Monday for the qualification for the officers and will be at the court house on that day.

The board of supervisors of the county will meet very shortly for a final session. The new board begins its work in January.

#### EDITOR J. P. SMITH HONORED BY BOSTONIANS

Dr. James Power Smith, editor of the Central Presbyterian, and a member of General Stonewall Jackson's staff, has been invited to deliver an address be-fore the Massachusetts Historical So-ciety, of Boston. The only stipulation regarding the subject which Dr. Smith shall discuss is that it shall be some battle of the war between the States. Dr. Smith will probably accept the invitation,

#### A Protest From Amelia.

Editor of The Times Dispect:
Sir,-I see there is a disposition on the part of the Legislature to have a court in this district only once in three months instead of once in two months. This would be a great hardship to the criminals in fail, most of them could not give bail, thereby causing them to remain in ja.l for six months at the expense of the Commonwealth. This bill should be entitled an act to enrich the fallers and impoverish the dear old Commonwealth.

Amelia, Va., December 16th.

Who Knows Him? Major Howard has received a letter from J. A. Kappeler, first sergeant, Com-pany B. First Kentucky Regiment, C. S. A., now of No. 217 Paychos Street, Now

#### to find some one here that knew him when he lived here in 1861 at Nineteenth and Man Streets. Any information will be forwarded by Major Howard to Mr. Keppeler. CHARGE OF RUNNING POLICY WAS PROVEN

Bessie Gibson Got Thirty Days for Taking a Pair of Sho-The Police Court.

A swoop upon the premises of Charles Flanagan by Officers Wyatt, Finnegan Thurman and W. L. Bradley, resulted i a fine of \$20 against Flanagan for cor were also arrested, but they were d charged by Justice John.

Bessie Gibson, the once beautiful, w was arrested for being drunk, had th

was arrested for being drunk, had the additional charge of stealing a pair of whose against her, and she was sendown for thirty days.

Moses Allen beat a mule right under the yes of Emmett Taylor. The result was a fine of \$5.

Charles Ellyson is alleged to have takes \$5.10 belonging to Joe Baldacci. He was given sixty days, but took an appeal.

Pollard Nichols hit Marion Proffit with a poker and was charged \$25.

Oscar Brooks paid \$2.50 for striking John Logan.

Confiscated Property Sold. s, and the money placed in the coffers.

# Exquisite Perfumes

in bulk or fancy packages have always proven acceptable presents during the holiday season. We have just added to our already extensive line of perfumery

# Dellettrez Extracts and

Myrtis Extract, \$5.00 per bottle. Aglaia Extract, \$3.50 per bottle. Soap, \$1.00 per cake.

The perfumes are fac simile of the flowers themselves. Their fragrance is delightful. Put up in handsome cutglass bottles, they are not to be compared with anything else on the market. You'll be amply repaid by a visit to our store. We extend you a cordial invitation to call and examine also our elegant assortment of Perfume Atomizers, Perfume Lamps, Perfume Sprinklers, Powder Puffs, Powder Puff Boxes, Fancy Sets, Mirrors, Talcum Powder Bottles and many other attractive novelties.

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